



## State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations GUBERNATORIAL PROCLAMATION

### Newport Winter Festival Week

**WHEREAS**, the Newport Winter Festival is celebrating its 25th anniversary; and

**WHEREAS**, Marketing & Events has grown the festival from 10 little events to more than 150 events with 10 days full of food, music and fun, including a Children's Fair, a Chili Cook-off, a Chicken Wing Cook-off and a renowned concert by the Cast of Beatlemania; and

**WHEREAS**, Marketing & Events has developed colorful and impressive promotional brochures, posters and collector's T-shirts every year for 25 years; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newport Winter Festival has become one of the largest winter events in New England; and

**WHEREAS**, the main goal of the Newport Winter Festival is to promote and have a significant positive impact on the local business community; and

**WHEREAS**, a portion of the proceeds from the featured events benefit local charities and nonprofit organizations as well as local business and community programs; and

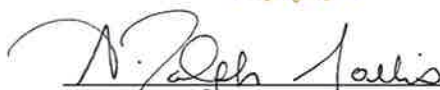
**WHEREAS**, the Newport Winter Festival offers many family oriented entertainment options for residents and visitors to enjoy during the school break week; and

**WHEREAS**, the Newport Winter Festival has been recognized as one of the top 100 events in America by the American Bus Association; and


**WHEREAS**, the Newport Winter Festival received the Governor's Tourism Award in 2004; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lincoln D. Chafee**, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, do hereby proclaim February 15-24, 2013 as Newport Winter Festival Week and encourage all residents to recognize the importance of this week.



  
A. Ralph Mollis  
Secretary of State

Given under my hand and the great  
seal of the State of Rhode Island  
and Providence Plantations,  
this 15<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2013

  
Lincoln D. Chafee  
Governor